

Bruce Exemplifies Fight of Small Man

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Jerry Bruce is a small man as far as athletes go—standing only 5-9 and weighing 160 pounds. In most sports stories the rest of the article would go on to tell of the superhuman feats performed by the little man. But not this one.

For those of you who don't know, Bruce is a senior goalie on the Nittany Lion soccer team.

His athletic abilities aren't limited only to soccer, for he also has played football and baseball.



Bruce

didn't give up. At State College High School Bruce was mainly a football and baseball player. When he came to the University the portside found himself "just" behind Cal Emery and Ed Drapcho—two of the best pitchers ever to perform for Penn State.

On the high school gridiron he was a quarterback, but the second string quarterback. The first string signal-caller was Don Stickler, of Penn State baseball fame.

Bruce didn't see much action playing behind Stickler because Don was so much bigger. After trying to beat Stickler out for two years, Bruce decided to try soccer.

In his senior year at State College he was the starting goalie. He turned in a winning season there and it finally looked like he had found his sport. After playing for the Penn State freshman team his troubles started again.

He reported to practice in his sophomore year and the head manager told him not to waste his time on soccer because he was too small to make good.

"That made me play all the harder," said Bruce. "I really

wanted to show him up." That year Bruce played behind George Geczye, who was one of the top goalenders to guard the Penn State nets.

Last year Bruce didn't fare much better playing behind Ralph Becker. When he did get the opportunity to play he had to split the time with another reserve goalie—Don Dougald.

"All through those years Jerry practiced hard and really gave it all that he had," said Lion coach Keny Hosterman.

1958 was a little different for Bruce. He had the goalie job all set for himself. But there was a newcomer to the Penn

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Tribes' Relief Aces Traded to Detroit

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Tigers Thursday gave up firebrand Billy Martin and pitcher Al Cicotte for Cleveland's famed relief twins, Don Mossi and Ray Narleski, plus infielder Ossie Alvarez.

This is the first major deal of the off-season. It gives Frank Lane the sparkplug he has been seeking for the Cleveland club and brings to Detroit a mound duo with a reputation as baseball's best one-two relief punch. The Tiger bullpen has been in-

adequate for years and the over-all staff, despite the 20-game per-Bunning and Bill Hoelt in recent seasons, has produced a giant performance of Frank Lary, Jim Mossi will win more games." headache for the front office. "We hated to give up Martin," said General Manager John Mc-

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